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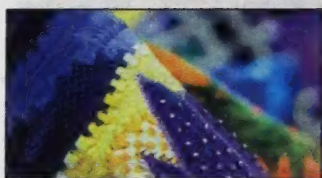
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EMS moves ambulance north

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

By stationing an ambulance in Stanhope two days a week, the county's EMS department thinks it can do a better job of serving the needs of the northern half of the county.

And by being able to reach

patients from Carnarvon to Dorset faster, the department will also inch a lot closer to its target of reduced response times county-wide.

Last year the average response time was 26.18 seconds. The province says the department must get that down to 26.04 seconds.

With more people building on out-of-the-way lakes, and an

increase in population, this target isn't easy to reach, EMS director Pat Kennedy told Algonquin Highlands council on Thursday.

Last September the department made the controversial decision to stop transferring non-urgent patients. That means ambulances are no longer used, for instance, to take a resident at Hyland Crest to a

doctor's appointment in Peterborough. (Haliburton Highlands Health Services says that it now has to pick up the costs of private ambulances on behalf of its patients, creating a \$200,000 deficit as a result.)

Numbers show that the move is having a positive effect on the EMS

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A shave closer

Curtis Ballantyne gets some advice tweaking his soapstone loon carving from instructor Kim Warne at a March break workshop at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery Tuesday. The gallery had excellent attendance for its break programming, which offered kids a variety of activities including wire sculpture, funky clothing and portrait painting taught by local artists. See more photos on pg 12.

Church may lose its lake view

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

For the past three decades at least, the Twelve Mile Lake Church has been nothing more than a scenic historical treasure on a quiet country road.

But the people who own the building think it might be their salvation.

Zion United Church in Carnarvon is in danger of closing because its small congregation cannot afford to pay all of its bills. By sacrificing the abandoned white frame church to the south, Zion United could continue to serve the religious needs of its communities.

The congregation is thinking

about donating the Twelve Mile Church to the Stanhope Heritage Museum and selling the land it sits on. Prospective buyers could include Minden Hills, which owns the cemetery next door, or someone who wants to enjoy the view of the lake and doesn't mind having a cemetery as a neighbour.

"We're desperate for funds.

We're at the edge of folding," Jim Hopkings says of the financial situation at Zion United. Last year the church had a \$5,000 deficit. It may not sound like a lot of money but it would be difficult for the congregation of about 60 people to raise that money, and more, each and every year.

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Public defibrillators to be only in municipal buildings

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

You're lifting your canoe off your car at the Frost Centre when you feel a pain in your chest. You collapse, the victim of a massive heart attack.

Every minute that passes before you get help decreases the chances of your survival by seven to 10 per cent.

An ambulance with a portable defibrillator will likely take at least 25 minutes to get there, and in this case those 25 minutes are vital.

What if there was a defibrillator at the Water Trails office? Could it save your life?

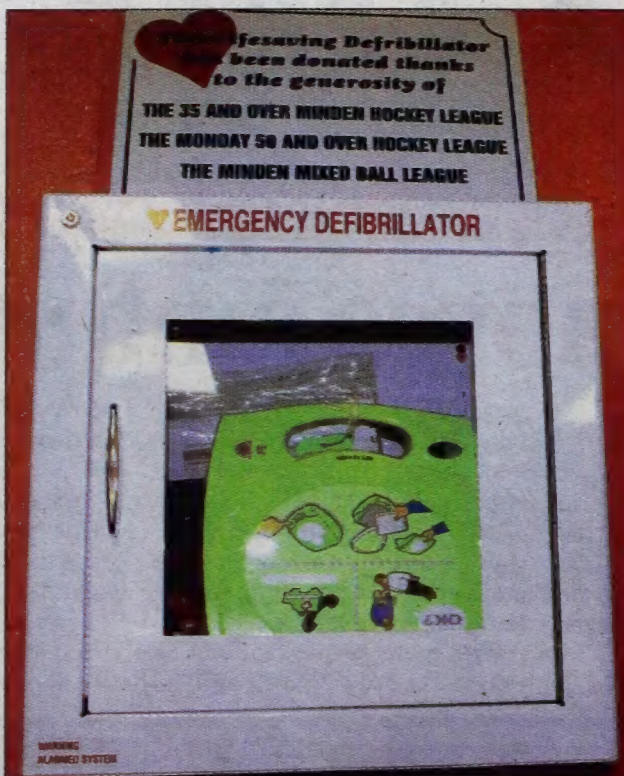
Right now, all ambulances and fire departments within the county are equipped with portable defibrillators. Under a new plan by the county's EMS department, there will be defibrillators at many municipally-owned buildings throughout the county.

It's not an easy process deciding where public defibrillators should be installed, EMS director Pat Kennedy told Algonquin Highlands council on Thursday. While handy access to a defibrillator could save someone's life there are many liability issues that have to be addressed.

What if a cottage association offers to buy a defibrillator to be kept at the nearest marina. Who's going to make sure the batteries don't die? What precautions will be put in place to make sure someone doesn't try to use it "as a joke"?

"Public access to defibrillators looks simple but the more you look at it the bigger the mountain gets," Kennedy says.

After much study, the county's emergency services



Public access to defibrillators will be made available in municipal buildings, allowing staff to be trained in their use and to ensure proper maintenance procedures.

committee has come up with a protocol.

It will endorse defibrillators at municipally-owned buildings only. This will allow staff to be trained in their use and how to follow a regular maintenance program so that the county's liability is decreased.

The committee has yet to identify where defibrillators will be placed nor what brand will be purchased. It does want the same type of defibrillator at each location. "If a firefighter from Algonquin Highlands is playing hockey in Wilberforce the he grabs the same

unit off the wall," Kennedy says.

The committee is also enacting a public education campaign to have people recognize the early warning signs of a heart attack and train more people in CPR. This training will not be as extensive as the CPR certification course but it will allow more people to be familiar with this life-saving practice.

"We're going to take it slowly," Kennedy said. "We have concerns how far we can go. Liability's a huge issue."

The department is not against donations of defibrillators but will not take responsibility for them unless they are mandated by the committee.

A few months ago, a group of hockey aficionados got together to raise money for a defibrillator at the Minden arena. In Haliburton, a local business wants to donate one to the curling club. The generosity is appreciated but the department will not accept responsibility for such donations. "If it's going to come through the county then it's got to go where the county wants it to be. You don't just put this on the wall and walk away from it."

The worst scenario would be pulling the unit off the wall to help someone who's having a heart attack only to find out the batteries are dead.

Once the approved sites are identified, the county will welcome donations.

Kennedy cautions against putting too much hope in reducing the number of heart attack deaths by having more public access to defibrillators.

Seventy-nine per cent of cardiac arrests take place in the home, not at a public space. In the years since local ambulances have had defibrillators, only two lives have been saved with the device: one in an ambulance on the way to the hospital and one on the main street of Haliburton, only a couple of minutes away from the ambulance base.

However, a defibrillator at Casino Windsor has resulted in a 65 per cent survival rate compared to 10 per cent in the field, Kennedy says.

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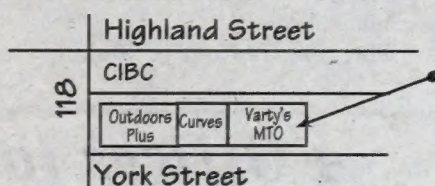
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Census shows growth

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times staff

Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands grew between 2001 and 2006 according to Statistics Canada's latest census.

Minden Hills ranked third in the county growing 4.6 per cent or 244 residents. Algonquin Highlands grew by 8.2 per cent or 149 residents, ranking fourth; Highlands East went up 2.2 per cent and Dysart saw the largest increase at 12.2 per cent. Haliburton County grew 7 per cent in total, surpassing the 6.6 per cent provincial average.

"I don't know how accurate the statistics are. I thought they would have been higher," says Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison was happy with the figures she saw.

"I'm very pleased with the numbers. It does mean more people moving in and we realize that it's going to continue to happen and we'll make provisions for that," says Harrison.

McMahon and Harrison do feel that their townships expansion is positive, but they worry about the dwindling amount of youth.

"It would be nice if we could attract more young families but it's a job situation that brings them in," says Harrison.

McMahon explains that without a growing industry, young people won't consider moving to the region. Seasonal work is typical in Haliburton, which may contribute to the loss of appeal for those looking for an ideal place to settle down.

Without enough job opportunities, it's no wonder that school enrollment has been on the decline. If new families aren't making the move, seats will continue to empty in classrooms.

"It's not a surprise to us as politicians that school enrollment is declining," says Harrison.

McMahon added that the drop in numbers might be attributed to the fact that couples are having smaller families than they used to.

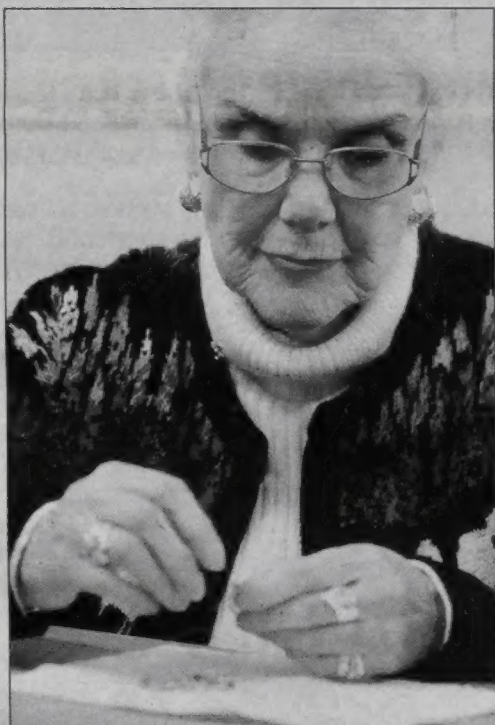
For the older population that is moving to Minden and Algonquin Highlands, both municipalities say they will continue to accommodate to the needs of the age group.

"We've got to be prepared in health care, which is very costly, as well as the service sector. They have disposable income and we've got to be ready to supply their needs," says McMahon.

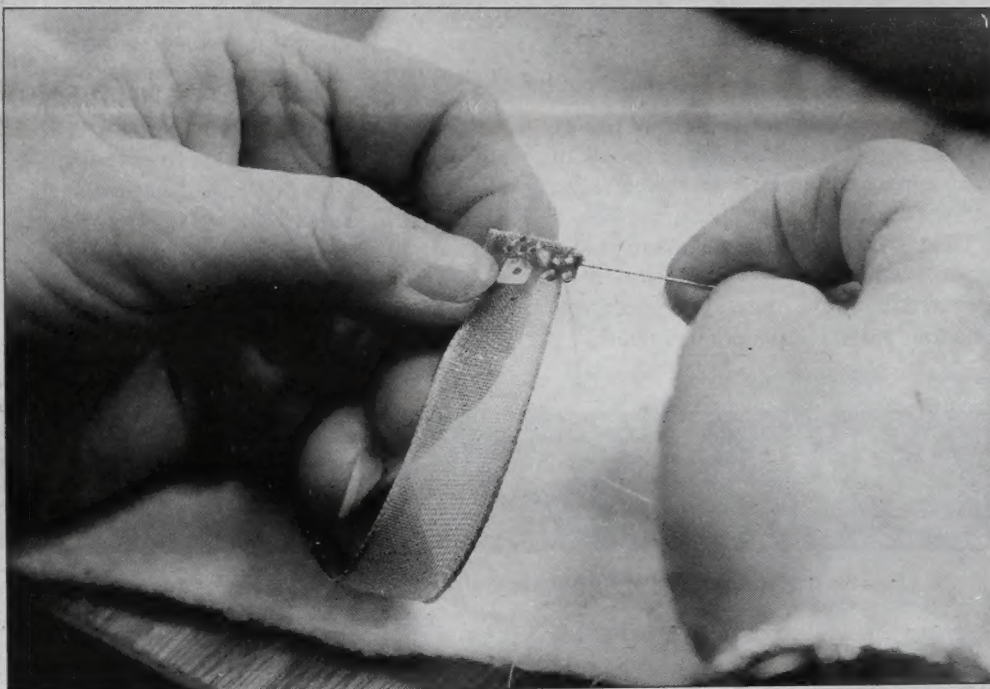


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The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers and Spinners group met last Tuesday to learn about beading with Linda Eaton. Above: Sharon Middlehurst (left), who was visiting to make a presentation about the Highlands Heritage Dream Quilt for Cottage Dreams, chats with member Susan Sheehan.



Norma Douglas loved the workshop.



Beading requires dexterity and patience, but the ladies in the HHHS guild have no shortage of either trait.

New runway would allow larger aircraft to land

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times staff

A proposed crosswind runway is one step closer to taking flight after Algonquin Highlands council passed a motion last Thursday.

The hope is that the new 4,000-foot landing strip at Stanhope Airport will allow larger aircrafts to land and bring more economic development to the area.

Chief Administrative Officer Lorne Mitchell presented a report that outlined various aviation services that could expand once the new runway is established.

The Ministry of Natural Resources Forest Fire Suppression Service, police law enforcement, and emergency services were highlighted as organizations that would benefit from the additional runway.

The potential for medical aircraft landing at the county's only airport is particularly important with an aging population, council says. Mitchell's report noted that Haliburton County has the highest percentage of residents over the age of 64, making access to emergency services all the more vital.

"MedEvac can only come in when the winds are right. The Ministry of Health could use the airport more for the future," says Reeve Eleanor Harrison.

The report also highlighted the positive economic benefits the crosswind runway would have for the area.

Although the motion solidifies the township's commitment to the project, the construction of the runway won't happen any time soon.

Mitchell says the date of construction will depend solely on the need and demand of the airport and the establishment of financial partnerships.

The township has already taken steps in securing the vacant land that would accommodate the runway's construction.

"We have just purchased two properties that surround the airport and are in the process of purchasing a third property," says Harrison. "The reason we passed the motion was because we need to secure partners so the cost of the airport doesn't fall fully onto our taxpayers."

The township must secure their third piece of property and have engineer drawings done before moving forward with building the

airstrip.

Algonquin Highlands will seek funding through private partners and from various levels of government.

Napier Simpson, vice-president of the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association, says the executive will be discussing its reaction to the crosswind runway proposal, as well as the expansion of the Maple Lake landfill, at its April 4 meeting.

"We question the accuracy of their information," Simpson says, referring to the municipality report on the airport expansion. "We're going to formulate a strategy to deal with it. Our board isn't 100 per cent for or against the crosswind run but I personally am against it."

Cambium gets green light

Former SGS Lakefield employees are hired by Algonquin Highlands to find a way to deal with municipality's hauled sewage

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Algonquin Highlands has endorsed the plan by Cambium Environmental to find a way to deal with the municipality's hauled sewage.

The consultants are former employees of SGS Lakefield Research, which Algonquin Highlands had previously hired to find a site and design a treatment facility. The Cambium partners bought the portion of SGS's business that deals with this kind of issue and therefore have access to all the past studies and reports for the municipality.

As a result, Algonquin Highlands council says it would not be able to hire someone else to continue with the project at such a relatively low cost. Cambium's proposal will cost \$27,100.

Cambium has broken its action plan into four parts. It will first approach neighbouring municipalities to ask, once again, if they will accept hauled sewage from Algonquin Highlands for a fee. If a municipality says yes, Cambium will focus on coming up with suitable arrangements. If municipalities all say no, Cambium will continue with the next phases of looking for a site.

It will first revisit the Maple Lake landfill site, which council believes will be rejected because it is less than the required 500 metres from the shore of the lake.

Then it will revisit the Hawk Lake landfill, which council believes will be rejected because there's not enough land and too many people live nearby.

Then Cambium will take another look at the Pine Springs landfill.

Pine Springs had at one time been the site for a proposed lagoon system. Council switched its attention to Maple Lake on the behest of its former consultant without formally rejecting Pine Springs as an option.

Cambium will also investigate if there is another undeveloped property which would be suitable for some type of treatment facility.

Once the site is chosen Cambium will determine "a suitable design for the specific circumstances." The criteria will be the potential impact on the environment and what can be done to mitigate this impact. Possible design options include:

- alkaline stabilization
- sewage treatment plan (advanced treatment systems)
- constructed wetlands and
- stabilization lagoons.

Once the design is chosen, Cambium will produce an environmental study report for various ministries and the public to review.

Public consultation is an important part of Cambium's process. It hopes to have its first public meeting at the end of April.

The first four phases of the project – the phases Cambium is being paid for – should be completed by the end of the year.

Council has stressed that it has no other option than to proceed with finding a site. It cannot approve the creation of any new lots until it can prove it has the ability to deal with hauled sewage. As well, the province is more determined than ever to ban the use of spreading septage on fields in the near future. Since septic systems should be cleaned out every three to five years, council feels it has the obligation to ensure that the resulting septage is properly dealt with.

Cambium estimates that 13 million litres of septage are produced in the municipality each year.



Talk of the town

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 held its public speaking competition March 6, with competitors in two groups – junior (Grades 4-6) and intermediate (Grades 7-8).

Top: Junior speakers, from left: Michael Nelson, Erin Little (3rd), Bailey Walker, legion youth education chair Francine Newton, Drew Hewitt (who placed 1st for his speech about being the youngest child in his family), Maia O'Sullivan (2nd), and Dakotah Francis.

Above: Intermediate speakers, from left: Joleen Bath, Teghan Dodds (3rd), Kaily Schell, Francine Newton, Megan McKay (2nd), and Tara O'Sullivan (who placed 1st for her speech about passing notes in class).

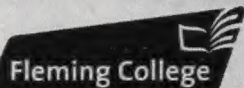
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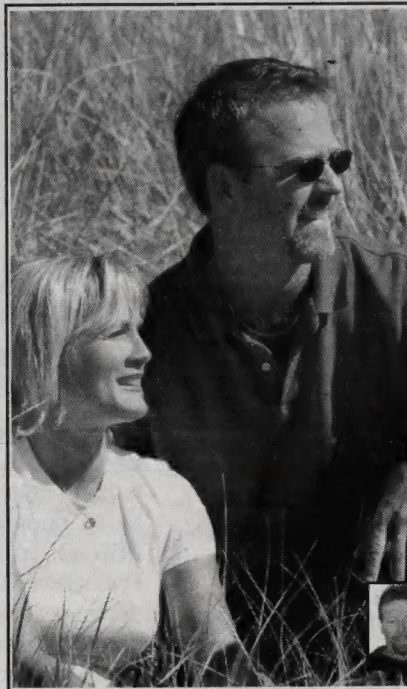
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A benefactor would keep church in present spot

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"It's all about finances," says the chairman of the church's property committee. "A lot of people still think a loonie is a good donation [for the Sunday collection plate.]"

If the church could find a benefactor it would love to keep the 12 Mile Lake Church where it was for its historical and scenic value. But Hopkings and fellow committee member Jim Hicks aren't optimistic that benefactor will step forward.

And even if someone does donate enough money to pay for the insurance and maintenance at the 12 Mile Lake site, can the congregation afford to forego the money it could raise by selling the church.

Hopkings says the congregation is not enthusiastic about moving the church building "but they're willing to accept that things change."

Zion has a willing partner at the Stanhope Heritage Museum. Although the church is in the geographic township of Minden Hills, its heart belongs to Stanhope. The museum would not only protect and preserve the building at its compound next to the Algonquin Highlands municipal office, but it would appreciate being able to use the church to enhance its display space.

"The best solution would be for the church to remain in its authentic setting with money and people to care for it and preserve it in perpetuity but that's not the case at hand," says museum founder and Algonquin Highlands councillor Carol Moffatt.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to give this building a new life, to preserve not



Carol Moffatt

Zion United Church in Carnarvon is in a precarious financial situation. It is thinking about moving the 12 Mile Lake Church, above, to the Stanhope Heritage Museum and selling the land to raise much-needed revenue.

only its physical structure but also to draw out the stories of the people whose families have worshipped there," she adds. "If the history isn't being preserved the stories aren't being preserved."

Perhaps ironically, Moffatt is one of the founders of the Friends of St. Stephens Church near Boshkung Lake. It bought the old stone church for \$1 after the local Anglican parish could no longer afford to pay for its upkeep. No one else wanted

the church and it was in danger of falling into disrepair.

The difference with the 12 Mile Lake Church is twofold: while Zion United is prepared to sell it for a dollar, it needs the money the sale of the land could generate. It also has the Stanhope Heritage Museum willing to keep its presence alive, albeit at a different location. She says Zion can't afford to keep the 12 Mile Lake Church were it is with "a \$100 donation here and

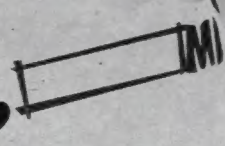
\$50 donation there."

Councillor Diane Griffin said the church has been well preserved and would be "a beautiful addition to our museum. It's gorgeous."

A decision on what to do with the church has many steps to climb. First the property committee must agree to moving the church, then the church council, then the congregation and finally the presbytery.

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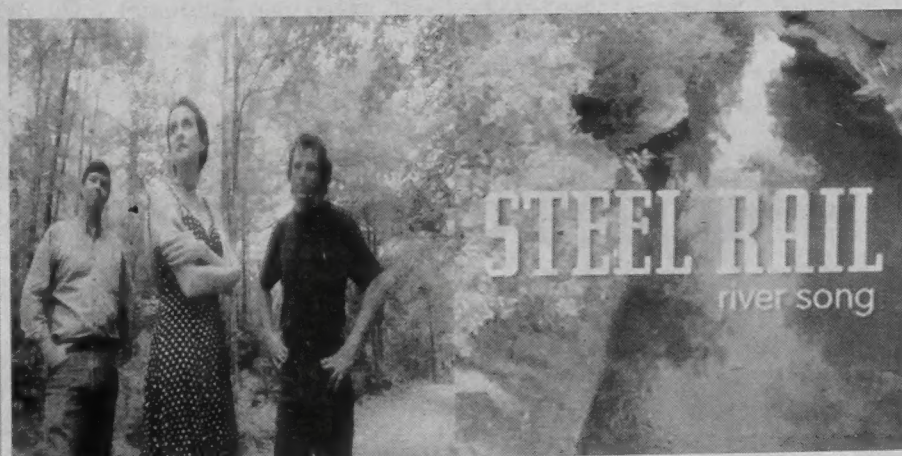
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

A prayer for 12 Mile Lake Church

It's not easy being a parishioner at Zion United Church these days. With fewer numbers filling the pews in Carnarvon every Sunday there are fewer donations going into the collection plate. That has raised serious questions about the church's ability to sustain itself.

The people fighting to keep the church open feel they have very few resources to get them out of their precarious financial situation. They can't keep turning to the same people to bail them out. Churches aren't in the habit of making money. So what can they do?

Members of the property committee have come up with the idea of moving the long-abandoned 12 Mile Lake Church to the site of the Stanhope Heritage Museum. Not only will the museum preserve and protect such a valuable reminder of our past but Zion United can sell the land that the lakeside church sits on.

But do we really want to lose such a historic and scenic icon from its original home?

The church creates a graceful presence along the shores of the lake even though it is only metres from a boisterous public beach. It reminds us how important faith was to our early settlers, who had their faith and not much else to sustain them. It makes us pause in our busy day to reflect upon a slower time in the county's history.

Would the early parishioners of that church be willing to make the sacrifice of keeping the building at its current location so that another church can stay open?

There is no right or wrong here, only a very tough decision. The Stanhope Heritage Museum would warmly welcome the addition of the 12 Mile Lake Church. It's a beautiful building and its interior would be used as exhibit space. By having the church in a prominent location, the museum can pay tribute to those who worshipped there. The people who want to move it care about the church.

The church, however, fits where it is. Its presence says something about those who have come before us. It also has an aesthetic value at its current location; it makes for a pretty scenic drive on a Sunday afternoon. It would be a bit incongruous next door to the museum and municipal complex.

What other options does Zion United have? It won't be enough for people to donate to the upkeep of 12 Mile Lake Church to get Zion United out of its financial hole. Zion United needs the money from the sale of the property.

If you're religious, pray for those involved to make the right decision. If you're rich, make a hefty donation to preserve the church where it is. If you're neither, don't judge those who have a difficult decision to make.

Martha Perkins

Is Minden on the rise or about to fall?

The release of Statistics Canada's Census 2006 brings both promise and worry to Minden Hills. Reeve Jim McMahon was surprised at the results, stating that the 4.6 per cent increase in population seems off the mark. He believes the numbers are a lot higher.

Whether it's 4.6 per cent or more, there is growth within the community. There's promise in that seniors are continually deciding to make Minden home, and that means more economic development. The worry is whether the town will be able to sustain itself without young people moving into the area. How will Minden survive without a next generation?

Jessica Young

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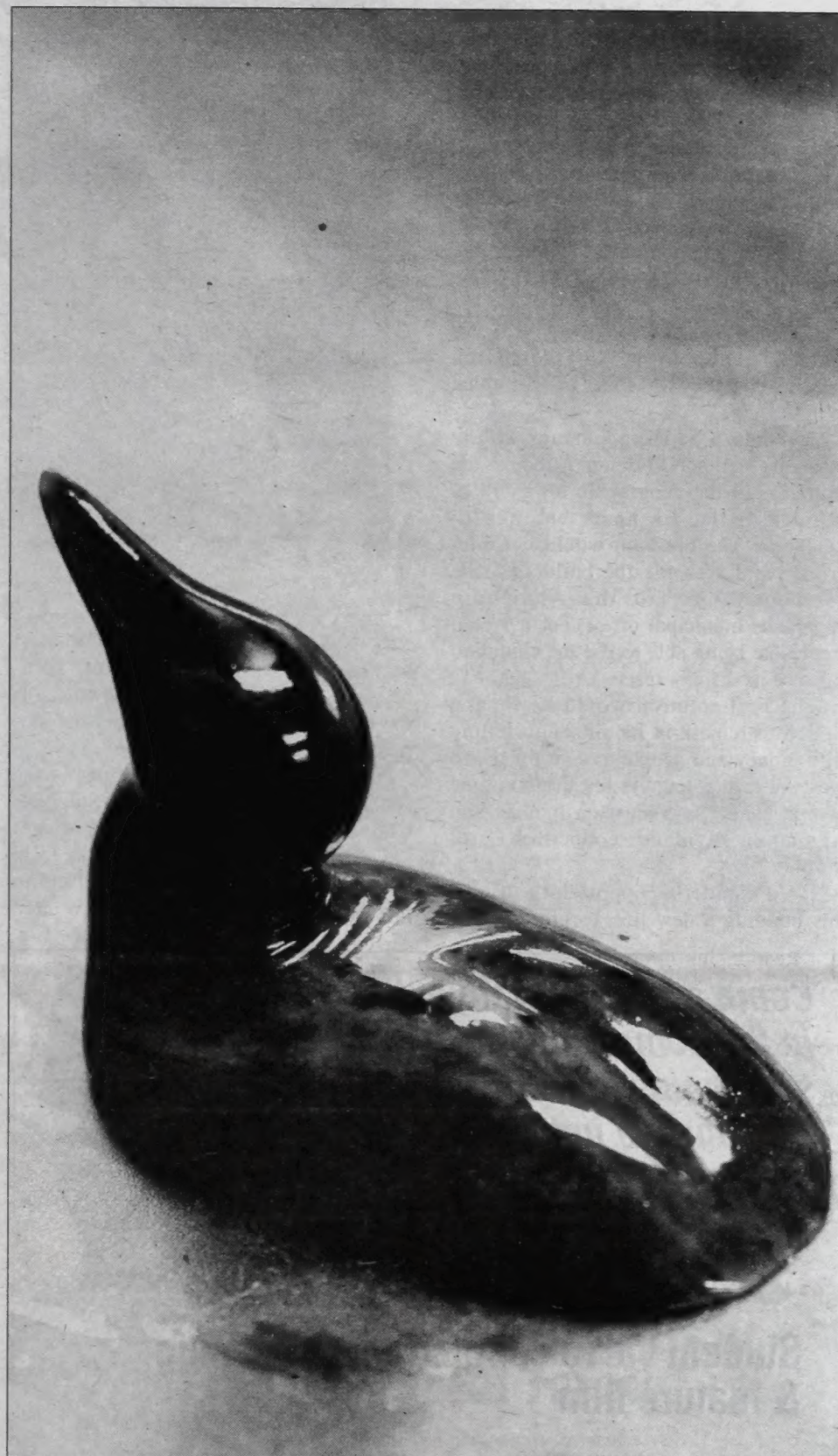
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Lucky duck

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Census numbers are a sign of good things to come

To the Editor:

The recently announced results of the 2006 Census has some very good news for Haliburton County.

The population grew from 15,085 in 2001 to 16,147 in 2006, an increase of seven per cent. This is above the provincial average. Dysart et al grew by 12.2 per cent; Algonquin Highlands by 8.2 per cent; Minden Hills by 4.6 per cent; and Highlands East by 2.2 per cent.

I suspect that further Census informa-

tion will reveal that the growth comes from people deciding to move to Haliburton County because of our rapidly improving quality of life. Retaining current residents people and attracting newcomers are keys to our success. I'm very pleased to see county and township councillors focused on continuing to improve the quality of life for everyone in the Highlands.

Michael Fay
RR 1 Minden

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Leading the pack

I just finished reading this story about a fellow who told police he was a werewolf after they caught him breaking into an apartment. A tale of woe like that saddens me. For one thing, it makes my life seem so boring in comparison.

What I wouldn't give for one good werewolf story. I'm not talking about an anecdote that takes place on Halloween either. No sir, I'd like to hear one that originates in the shoulder seasons. You know, at a time when werewolves aren't traditionally visiting this area.

On the up side, all this talk of lycanthropy has inspired another great idea from yours truly. Chamber of commerce, listen up.

The Romanians are currently trying to sell Count Dracula's castle for \$100 million right? (They'd ask for more but it's a fixer-upper.) Whether or not they sell it though is neither here nor there. The point is that it has drawn a lot of tourism and attention to that region.

My plan is simple. I'm proposing that we do the same here – only with were-

wolves. Look, I know it sounds a bit crazy, but sometimes you just have to think outside of the box.

We could start by selling werewolf dens, either individually or as condo units, for starters. I suggest we start with a gated community.

Some forward-thinking entrepreneur could then get the ball rolling by leading werewolf howls. Things would take off from there. Our sporting good shops could make a fortune selling silver bullets. And forget bears at the dump, people would come for miles to see werewolves at the petting zoo.

Why not? Here we are practically in the shadow of Algonquin Park, some of the best wolf real estate in the world. Our full moons are just about the finest anywhere. Plus, we've got great shopping with deer,

moose, elk and the odd unsuspecting tourist just a night prowling away. Wolves are well protected around the edges of the park – so we're werewolf-friendly too.

Surely, all these things are selling points to the international werewolf community. And make no mistake, every werewolf I've ever seen in the movies is quite affluent. Many of them have been accumulating the wealth of their victims throughout the ages. I say we bring that old money into the local economy.

Of course, we'd need to set up the infrastructure. Attract more veterinarians

and dentists to service the aging werewolf population for one. And I'm not sure how they'd feel about being re-designated as the Eastern Red Werewolf, but I think with the right marketing campaign this shouldn't be a problem. It's got pizzazz – it's hip.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Look out for flying squirrels

You come across the darnedest things in a woodpile.

Rearranging the remnants of my sugar shack fuel wood at the end of a sugaring season passed, I lift a chunk of yellow birch.

There, nestled between two pieces of beech, lays a dirty gray rag. A gray rag with hairs; perhaps a mouse nest built from the lining of the old coat that The Brown Dog Jiggs uses as a bed.

And then, even as I'm figuring out what I am looking at, it is gone, and it takes a couple of rewinds of the tape in my head to understand that I have just seen a flying squirrel.

Thirty years at Sapsucker Ridge and counting. Long retirement days spent in the woods splitting wood, hauling sap and just walking the dog, and that is still the only flying squirrel I have ever seen.

My woods and swamps are full of critters I have barely seen or never seen at all, and my hopes of seeing the ones I have missed didn't get any better when The Brown Dog began to share my walks.

There are northern and southern species of the flying squirrel, both living in Haliburton County, but I would need to

see more than one every 30 years to learn to tell the difference.

They're one of our most common animals, but you aren't likely to see one unless its flight path happens to cross the beam from a yard light. They're small, nocturnal, and live most of their lives over our heads.

Not always, though. One winter day a logger acquaintance of mine was dive-bombed by a treeful of flying squirrels. At least that's how it seemed to him, and it makes a better story anyhow.

Flying squirrels, as many as 20 of them, huddle together for warmth in tree hollows to escape the winter cold. My logger friend started cutting down just such a tree, not realizing there was a *Glaucomys* commune high above him.

What happened next was that he suddenly found himself being pelted with squirrels. He interpreted it as an attack; I suspect they were carrying out a rushed evacuation and he got in the way of their flight paths.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

(Just to be clear – though I've never seen them do it, flying squirrels can't actually fly; they glide.)

Our woods are full of creatures that depend on not being noticed for their survival. Collectively, the mice in your neighbourhood outweigh all of the things that want to eat them and yet the only time we notice them is when they come into our houses.

Not all of our mice are of the scurrying persuasion. The first time I saw a jumping mouse and told an old woodsman about it, he gave me an odd look. Not only had

he never seen such a thing; he thought I was making it up.

But the mouse I saw bopping like a kangaroo across the forest floor was real enough. There are two species in the books and I am not confident I will ever be lucky enough to notice one of them again.

But then most folks can stand staring right at a tribe of leaping snowfleas and not notice them. Watch those little black specks in that snowy footprint, I tell

We'd need to implement a slick marketing video that included the song "Bad Moon Rising." The idea would be to let creatures of the night know we are a caring and inclusive community. Live and let live – unless you crave a good meal at midnight. You know, that sort of thing.

Look, we've tried marketing to the grana crowd and that's not getting us anywhere. Let's try the true carnivores and see what happens. Think of all the deer licenses you'd sell. And any hair stylist who doesn't mind staying open late and dealing with a few mats will make money hand-over-fist.

If this works, we might be able to attract zombies and vampires too. The former are particularly in vogue now.

Anyhow, that's my idea. Chamber of commerce, call if you need to flesh this out further.

Just remember if we're going to attract werewolves, we need to give them something that they can sink their teeth into. I'm thinking sheep.

them, and in a moment one of the specks will hop.

And then one of them does hop, and they know I am not joshing them. The books call them springtails and they're always with us, but it takes winter's white backdrop to make them obvious, and even then they look like dirt in the snow.

I tell visitors that I have seen just about every creature of any size that lives on Sapsucker Ridge, but that is not entirely true. I have seen one wolf and one mink, occasional porcupines, fishers, bears and otters, plenty of deer, moose, rabbits and beavers, but, inexplicably, I have never seen a muskrat. Nor have I ever seen a true weasel, even though if my woods were not well-populated with them I would be hip-deep in voles.

At home in the woods, The Brown Dog and I learn perspective and humility, though Jiggs is much more aware than I am of the life that fills up Sapsucker Ridge.

I am taught that the life around me doesn't need to have me notice it to confirm its existence, that there are whole worlds out there in which I am irrelevant.

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Frost Centre Institute signs long-term lease

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times staff

A long-term lease agreement was finalized between the province and the Frost Centre Institute Group (FCI Group), paving the way for the Leslie M. Frost Centre in Dorset to re-open its doors this June.

"The revitalized Frost Centre will support our government's priorities of healthy living and wellness through recreation and outdoor activities," said David Caplan, Minister of Public

Infrastructure Renewal. "This will also bring economic benefits to the local area as the peak season arrives through the Frost Centre's opportunities for tourism and recreation."

The newly-signed lease will allow for the centre to host environmental and outdoor education programs. In fact, summer camp registration is already under way.

"We have developed an amazing program. Kids are going to love it and learn something in the process," said Alain Aubry, principal of FCI Group. "The

Frost Centre Institute will offer world-class environmental and outdoor education, which can be a source of pride for the community and for the province."

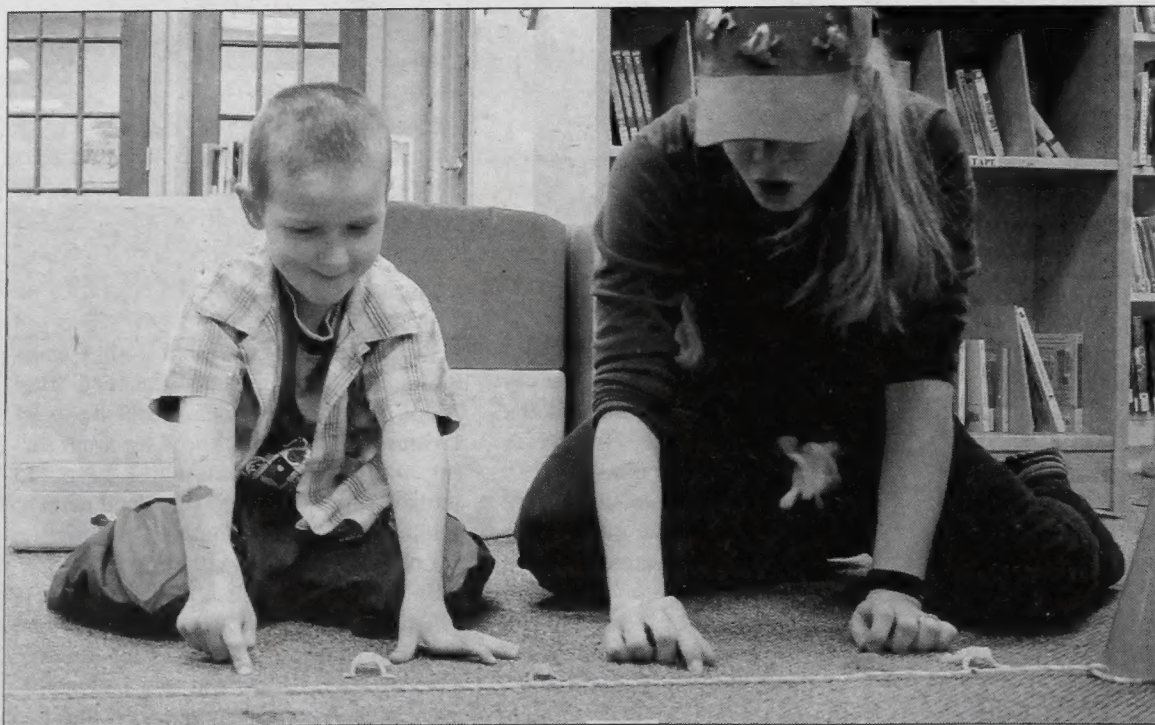
Local MPPs such as Jeff Leal (Peterborough), Lou Rinaldi (Northumberland) and Laurie Scott (Victoria-Haliburton-Brock) were part of the community plea to help revive the facility.

"We've responded to the community's appeal to re-invigorate the Frost Centre and at the same time, provide a tremendous opportunity for the government to

work in partnership with the FCI Group," said Leal.

Although the Frost Centre has been given the green light for programs to run again, work must still be done in upgrading the centre's water treatment plant and re-commissioning the sewage treatment plant along with other projects to prepare for new operations.

Public access to nearby walking, hiking, and ski trails near the Frost Centre property has been maintained through a long-term licence with the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

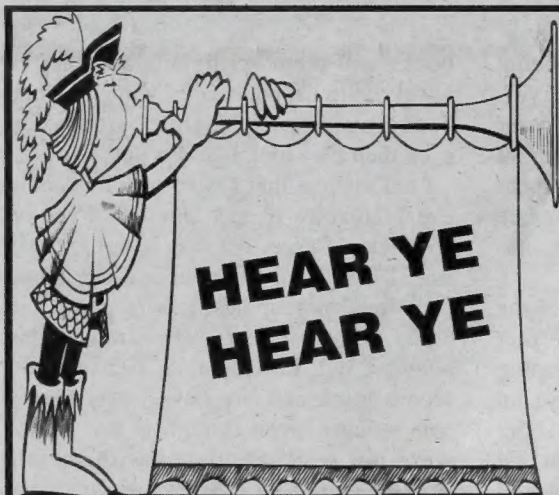


A hopping time

Top left: Jesse Davis, 6, and communication access program instructor Emily Jefferies, see how far they can make plastic frogs leap across the start line during the Fabulous Frogs event at the Kinmount Library this past Saturday. The toad theme was a fun and captivating idea Jefferies created to help kids become more interested in learning about computers. Davis later made an origami frog using the computer with Jefferies "ribbiting" guidance.

Top: Emily Davis, 3, holds onto her four-legged companion after she completed her drawing of what looks to be a rainbow-coloured frog. Left: Emily Davis, and her brother Jesse test out how far their origami frogs can leap at the Kinmount Library last Saturday.

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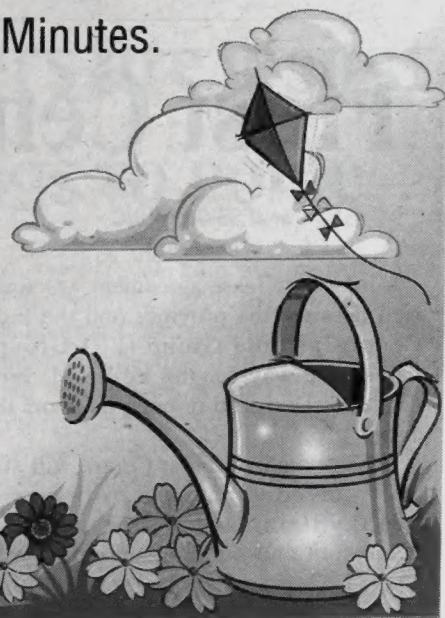
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Response time to improve

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response times, however. By keeping ambulances in the county the ambulances can get to emergency calls faster. Even though the number of emergency calls is up this year, the average response time is down to 25.46 minutes.

As well, the county no longer moves an ambulance to Kinnmount when the City of Kawartha Lakes asks for stand-by; the ambulance now remains in Minden until it's called out.

After studying statistics, Kennedy says that EMS has decided not to keep its three day-shift ambulances in Haliburton and Minden alone. It will have an ambulance in Algonquin Highlands two days a week and an ambulance in Wilberforce four days a week.

Oddly enough, Kennedy says, statistics show heaviest use of ambulances during the week in Algonquin Highlands, not on weekends when more cottagers are up.

For the first two months EMS will keep the ambulance at the Stanhope roads department just off Hwy 35 on

Northshore Road. The building is heated and has washroom facilities. In the summer it may move the ambulance to the Frost Centre to be closer to Dorset. (Even though Haliburton County EMS sometimes asks for Bracebridge EMS to respond to a call to Dorset, the response time is allocated to Haliburton County. "If Bracebridge takes 35 minutes to get to a scene in Dorset it counts as our response time," Kennedy says. The average response time to Dorset is 38 to 39 minutes and Kennedy wants to reduce that. In the meantime, the county is lobbying to have the province recognize the response times of the local fire departments' first response times as part of the equation.)

The redeployment will begin on a six-month trial basis starting April 1. EMS will then examine the statistics to see if the strategy is working before it commits to the policy.

Council welcomed the move and is donating the municipal space.

Starting April 1 an ambulance will be in the municipality on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This may be changed to include Wednesdays and one day in the weekend.

Trails close, ending one of the shortest seasons on record

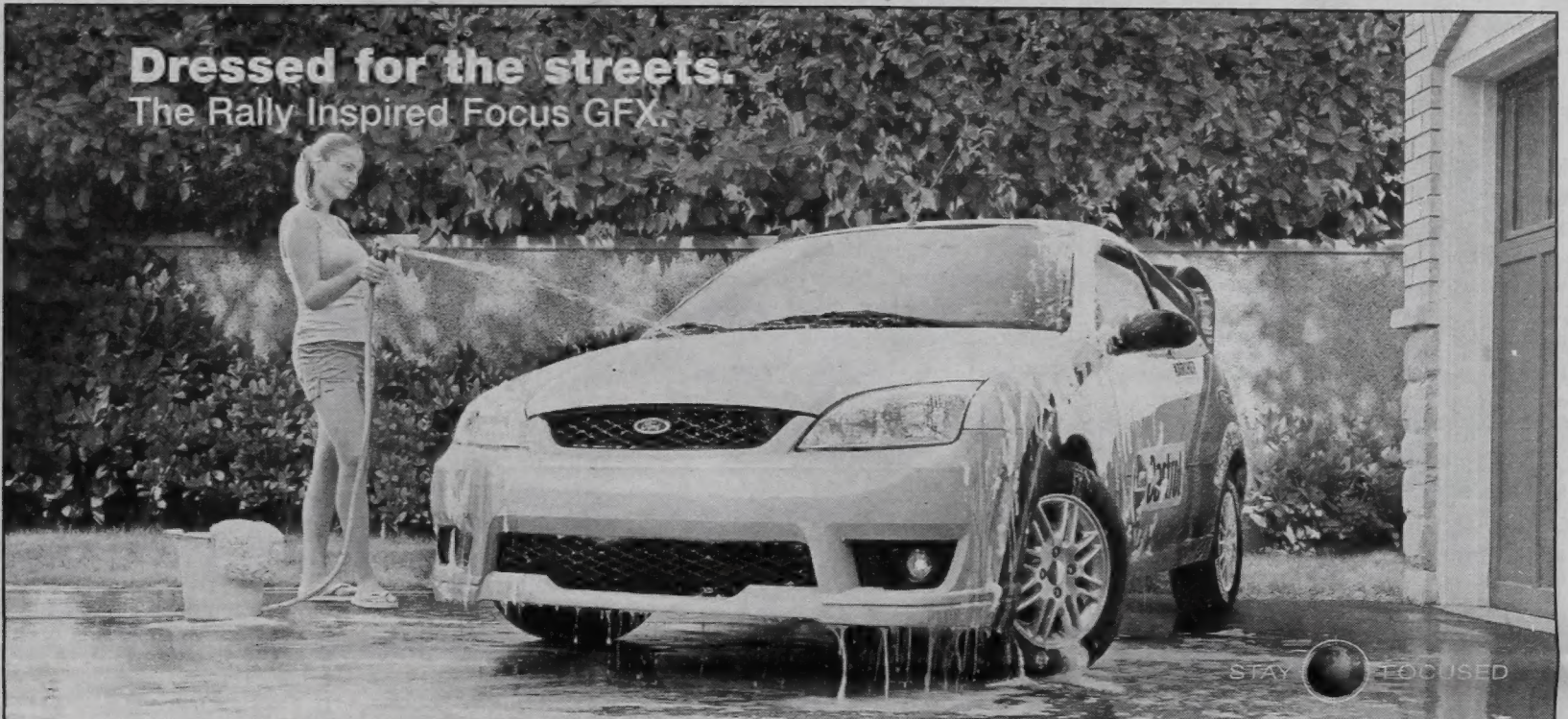
Winter came late and it's certainly leaving too early for those who enjoy getting outside on a cold winter's day.

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association has officially closed its trails, ending one of the shortest seasons on record.

Meanwhile, snowmobilers who want to take to the lakes to get in one more ride are urged to think twice. The ice never formed properly on many lakes and cannot be guaranteed to be safe.

Fishermen have until March 31 to remove their huts but they might want to get an early start to spring. They can be fined if the hut can't be retrieved because of unstable ice.

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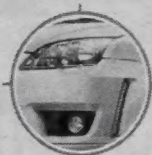
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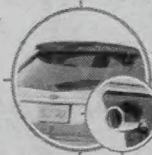
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These Idols are winners regardless

With a passion for music and knack for entertaining, these two Idols are sure to impress at Haliburton Idol

by WENDY M.K. LADURANTAYE
Times staff

Kelsey Crowe and Maddie Robinson were successful in auditioning for Haliburton Idol earlier this month. They both will be performing at the gala event at Delta Pinestone on March 23. Their backgrounds and stories are quite different but what they have in common is quite remarkable.

Kelsey's roots are in Minden. You might say music is "in her blood" as she attributes her natural ability to her late grandfather, Eldon Bull Sr. "He had a love of music, and couldn't read a note, but was an amazing influence (to me)."

Kelsey played in the Archie Stouffer Elementary School band, and now, as a Grade 9 student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, plays with the HHSS Concert Band. She has tried many woodwind instruments but the clarinet and piano are her favourites. Kelsey has a vocal coach, has competed in the Haliburton Music Festival, been a member of choirs, the Lindsay Academy Theatre's productions of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat and A Chorus Line, and most recently the Haliburton production of Annie.

Maddie Robinson moved here from Unionville just three months ago and will tell you that Archie Stouffer Elementary

School is "very welcoming". What else does she like? The air here is cleaner, and she can swim, snowmobile, fish and ski. Maddie was in the Grade 4 Chamber Choir, and the Christmas play in Grade 5. This gutsy 11-year-old got up and sang two songs in front of an audience of 700 in the Unionville Village Idol event, which was just for fun. Maddie has no formal training, but proudly says, "My Dad is a good singer".

Both young ladies heard about Haliburton Idol during school announcements and decided immediately that they would try out. Maddie matter-of-factly says, "I just thought I could do it." Kelsey's reaction: "I love music and performing and entertaining people. It is also for a good cause - SIRCH does a lot of good in the community. It is also a chance to be recognized by my community."

The girls both appreciated the coaching session with Carl Dixon, who helped with technical aspects of performing like projection and breathing but said, "Let's have fun with this."

"He shared his opinions nicely," the girls say.

With the big night ahead of them, Maddie is practising her songs constantly. "This is a good opportunity. It is not scary because I have sung in front of people before but I was shocked when I heard I got in. I have a lot of support from my Mom and Dad, my family, and my friends here and back in Unionville."

While they will all be rooting for her, Maddie sees her challenge in the competition. "When I heard the other girls sing, I

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Kelsey Crowe, from Minden, is competing in Friday's finals at the Haliburton Idol.

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'I sing because I love it'

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thought they were very good."

For Kelsey, "I feel very blessed with the amount of the support I have from my large extended family.

"It is a jump for me from classical training to pop/rock, but it is a good experience to try to sing as many different styles of music as possible. I sing because I love it, so I sing for myself as well as for others. This will be my first time using a microphone, and I will have anticipation butterflies, but they are good butterflies because they give you positive energy."

Their advice to anyone who thought about trying out, but didn't? They sing the same tune. "You definitely should audition - at least try next year."

"There are so many people here with great talent in different genres," observes Kelsey. "Everyone wants to win, but the experience is worth it. Take the advice and use it for next time. The more experience and the more comfort you have will lead to more you can do. It is like sports - the more you do, and the harder you work leads to the win. Even if you don't win the journey is what is worth it. I don't really care if I win. It won't change me and I'll keep doing what I'm doing. Making it this far makes me a winner. Actually 'winning' is just a bonus," says Kelsey.

"I don't care if I win. It is for fun, so when I am older I will have memories and my own children can be inspired to do things," Maddie says with wisdom beyond her years.

Regardless of the outcome on the March 23, these two young ladies have already proven they are both truly winners with their attitude.

To support these two remarkable young ladies, along with the other seven contestants and SIRCH Community Services and Consulting, purchase your ticket through PharmaSave in Minden (286-1220) and Kitchens Etc. in Haliburton (457-3535).

Haliburton Idol is sponsored by SIRCH and 100.9 Canoe FM.



Maddie Robinson was shocked when she heard she made it to the finals of Haliburton Idol, but is thrilled to be performing on Friday night.

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The deadline for applications is April 15, 2007.

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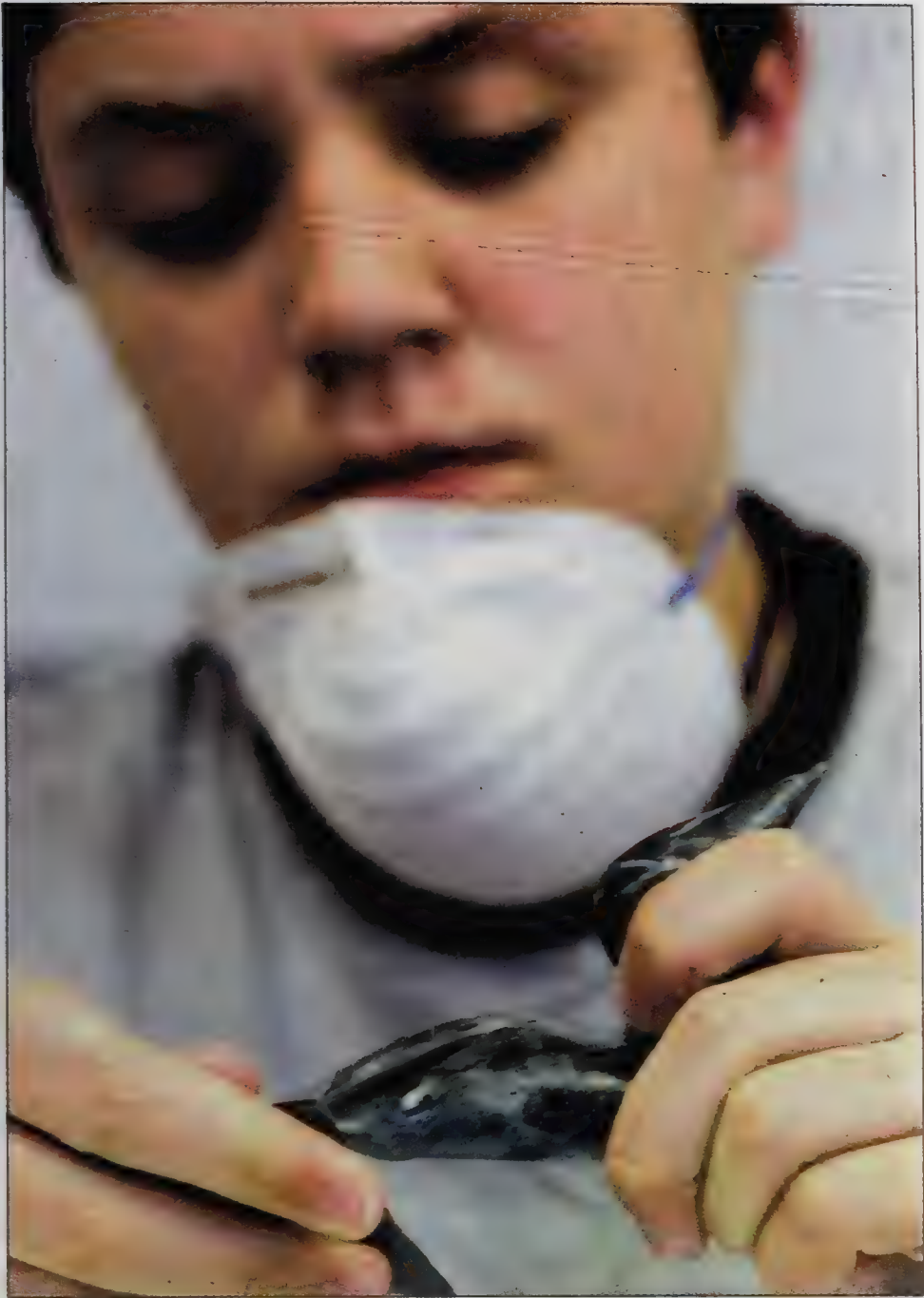
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Is there a future Kelly Scott or Brad Gushue in the Highlands?

by DON PFLUG
Special to the Times

We think there could very well be an up and coming prospect in the junior curling program at the Minden Curling Club.

From November to March on Thursday afternoons, from 3:30 to 5:30, 32 curlers from Grades 3 through 8 converge on the Minden Curling Club to learn the techniques, strategies and etiquette of the game.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the young curlers to learn the game and also have lots of fun while doing so.

The curlers are on teams just as they are in regular curling and participate in a Christmas bonspiel plus a final bonspiel in March.

The program is run by six volunteer coaches: Jane Boyd, Junior

convenor, Scotty Boyd, Dave McKay, Gord Sheehan, Liz Cowan and Eric Casper as well as two high school volunteers, Michael Walli and Tim Litwin. Their efforts are much appreciated and serve to further the sport of curling with the young people in our community.

Two teams represented the Minden Curling Club and Archie Stouffer Elementary School at the Timbits Provincial Championships in Southampton, Ontario March 1st to the 4th.

This program is a wonderful opportunity for the kids to learn a sport that is highly competitive but also stresses the character building aspects of gentlemanly conduct and etiquette.



Top: Junior Curlers stand proud with their coaches and high school volunteers.

Left: Timbits Provincial Competition Team representing Archie Stouffer Elementary School front row from left, Kara Hughes, Tianna Cooper, Emily Shapiera, second row, Laura Pottier, Owen Duhaime, Connor Cowan, Mikaela Charlebois, back, Katie Findeis. Not present are Hilary Vassos, Kaily Schell & coach, Russ Duhaime.

Right: From left, house league winners McKay Conneybeare, Alexandra Casper, Emily Shapiera and Lucas Grove show off their plaque

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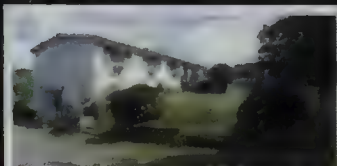
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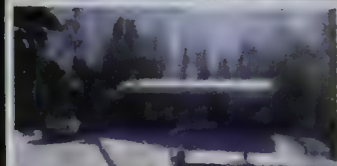
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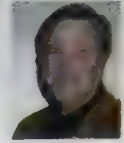
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Locals win Masters

by DON PFLUG
Special to the Times

The North Bay Curling Club hosted a three-day Masters Curling Bonspiel on March 9, 10 & 11 with 24 teams from all over Ontario participating. The premiere event produced some stiff competition, however, the Minden team emerged as the winners of the event, winning all of their five games.

At left: Masters winners (from left to right) Dave Millington, lead, Bert Kennedy, second, Bruce Fisher, vice, and skip Scotty Boyd of the Minden Curling Club.

MINDEN LANES

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Seniors Mixed 636 Statistics – March 5
Men
High Average: Bob Vankoughnet, 189
High Single: John Ritchie, 277
High Triple: John Ritchie, 740
High Single w/hdcp: John Ritchie, 315
High Triple w/hdcp: John Ritchie, 854
Women
High Average: Barb Ballantyne, 153
High Single: Georgina Parks, 189
High Triple: Georgina Parks, 469
High Single w/hdcp: Georgina Parks, 258
High Triple w/hdcp: Georgina Parks, 676

CARNARVON LANES

Tuesday Afternoon League – March 13
Men
High Average: Ken Thompson, 213
High Single: Jim Finlay, 292
High Single HC: Jim Finlay, 340
High Triple: Ken Thompson, 766
High Triple HC: Ken Thompson, 796
Women
High Average: Lillian Mattsson, 177
High Single: Tina Hadley, 276
High Single HC: Tina Hadley, 324
High Triple: Tina Hadley, 649
High Triple HC: Tina Hadley, 793

Wednesday Afternoon League – March 14
Men
High Average: Ken Thompson, 225
High Single: John Whitty, 301
High Single HC: John Whitty, 327
High Triple: Ken Thompson, 769
High Triple HC: Ian Camrie, 753
Women
High Average: Marie Thompson, 174
High Single: Carol Snow, 246
High Single HC: Carol Snow, 296
High Triple: Jean Pugh, 575
High Triple HC: Jean Pugh, 776

Tuesday Night League – March 13
Men
High Average: Ken Thompson, 219
High Single: Ken Thompson, 239
High Single HC: Bob Pollard, 268
High Triple: Doug Nash, 610
High Triple HC: Doug Nash, 745
Women
High Average: Marlene Robinson, 183
High Single: Barb Nash, 244
High Single HC: Barb Nash, 288
High Triple: Barb Nash, 597
High Triple HC: Barb Nash, 729

Thursday Afternoon – March 14
Men
High Average: Ken Thompson, 218
High Single: Ken Thompson, 266
High Single HC: Doug Burtch, 285
High Triple: Ken Thompson, 658
High Triple HC: Doug Burtch, 734
Women
High Average: Josie Cheesman, 167
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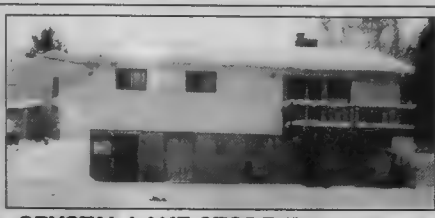
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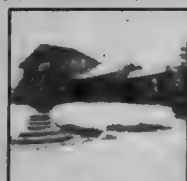
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Farewell to an old friend

The passing of Bertha Parker marks the end of an era for Carnarvon

by FRED GREGORY
Special to the Times

The closure of another era in the Haliburton Highlands has occurred with the death of Bertha Parker (Moore), 101 years of age, on Sunday March 4, 2007, in Markham, Ontario.

Bertha was the last surviving child of Alfred Walter Moore and Louise Moore (Wray), early pioneers of the Carnarvon region. Her sister, Hazel Irene Gregory (Moore), was better known in the area, for her work in the community and Zion United Church, Carnarvon. Both girls were born in Carnarvon but the family moved to Scarborough shortly after they went to school. Bertha went on to become a R.N. and her work took her on world cruises tending to wealthy elderly women clients.

Hazel married H.E. "Jack" Gregory, who brought her back to her birthplace when he bought Carnarvon Garage. Hazel died at the age of 96 in Hyland Crest, predeceased by her brothers George and Wray. Both of

the boys went to school in Carnarvon. Wray died in the influenza epidemic while in training at the air force base in Trenton, Ontario, during the First World War. George died in 1972. His wife Myrtle (Allcorn) died last year, at the age of 101.

Bertha married Jack Parker, connected to the Prentice clan, and had two children, Nancy and Andrew. Andrew lives in North Carolina with his wife Marlene.

Nancy and her husband, Terry O'Loane, have just recently retired to their cottage home, which is located on Kennisis Lake.

Alfred Walter Moore was the son of Alfred and Phoebe Ann Clark (Moore-Damion), the first settlers in the Carnarvon region. Moorefield Farm and Moore's Point is located at the south end of Big Boshkung Lake, off Hwy 118.

The family records indicate that the Moore clan used the location for a fur-trading encampment as early as 1816, along with a trading post first at Moore's Falls, and then relocated to the north end of Gull Lake.



Bertha (Moore) Parker, on the right with her sister Hazel (Moore) Gregory, left, was the last surviving child of Stanhope pioneers Alfred and Louise Moore. She passed away on March 4.

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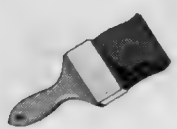
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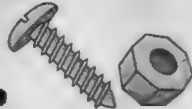


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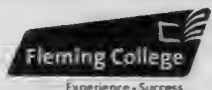
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Dog-eared books can find a new home

Monday's blowing snow made it hard to convince the regular customers at the kitchen bird feeder that Spring was due to officially arrive today. Sunday's afternoon sun had brought out a pair of thin raccoons who, startled by my appearance on the porch, quickly dropped down to scamper across the dooryard to safety. Clarence the cat has moved back to his usual indoor haunts after that one-day "walk about." Can't say I blame him.

Here's a request to all those "spring cleaners" out there from the Friends of the Kinmount Library. Thanks to very successful book sales there is now some empty shelf space ready for donations of good used books. The top need is for adult fiction and books can only be received during library open hours, which are 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays, and 1 - 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Donations will also be accepted during the library's book sales, which take place on the third Saturday of each month. Please no textbooks, magazines, Reader's Digests or big encyclopaedia sets.

If you have a digital camera or are thinking of buying one this meeting is a "must." The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will hold its next meeting on April 11 in the Common Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the speaker, Mike Dunk, at 7 p.m. Mike's topic will be "Digital Photography & Genealogy" with a great slide presentation of impressive "before" and "after" examples of what can be done. There will be something of interest for those with all levels of camera experience. Visitors are welcome, there is no charge and refreshments will be available. For more information about the meeting or the group please call Gail Leach-Wunker at (705) 286-2225.

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As Easter approaches our area churches will be holding special services. Everyone is welcome but as service times vary it is best to contact the church offices for specific details. Kinmount United Church will hold a "Tenebrae Service" on Good Friday, April 6 at the Church on the hill atop Cluxton Street. The service begins at 7:30 p.m. with the Rev. Desmond Howard. On Easter Sunday the service there will be at the regular time of 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Paul Irwin.

Now for the scoring news with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

March 13 euchre at Lochlin: Barb Carpenter reports that the high scores were recorded by Tom Grix and Isabelle Saunders with Helen Burk and Pearl Cowen tallying up the evening's lows. Gala Stamp won for lone hands and Pearl Cowen took the special draw prize.



AROUND THE TOWN

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March 13 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading the high scores was Rob Evans at 330 followed by Elva Paisley 313 and Isobel Cherwenka 302. Rob also took a moonshot along with Maria Tschida, Sharon Evans and Don Burch with the hidden scores uncovered by Jesse Barlow, Mary Lasbar, Margaret Fletcher and Maria Tschida.

March 13 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: In the top spots were Connie Sawyer and Alf Briscoe at 358 followed by Grace Barrack and Cliff Davison at 355 and George Hamilton partnered with Laura Carnegie 283. The afternoon's low went to the duo of Joan Meadows and Colleen Davison with 110 points. Thanks to Pearl Cowen for her report.

March 14 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshot trio members were Linda Lambert, Willie Cox and Kevin Maloney. Willie tied for the pink's first place honours with Pearl Cowen at 342. Marnie Butler was second at 262 and Verna McDonald 242 third. Percy Butler led the whites at 286 then Lorne Dinesen 276 and tied for third at 274 Tom Grix and Kevin Maloney.

March 14 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: In first were Joan Galley and Norma Crewson at 63 per cent, with Reet Murray and Bill Sandford at 58 per cent.

March 14 Kinmount Seniors euchre at Kinmount Legion: For the ladies Emily Harvie was high and Marcy Morgan low while Mike Smith led the gents with Roger Fournier low. Mike St. Thomas won for low hands and Pat Lees took the draw prize.

March 15 euchre at Minden Legion: In the lone hands column it was Edith Burch and Tom Orr with Ellen Holden and Lorne Dinesen recording the highs. Hazel Dorman and Kevin Maloney had the low scores with Kevin winning one of the other prizes along with Don Hicks, Jim Bradbury, Shirley Howe and Laura Carnegie.

March 16 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: First with 62 per cent were Joan Galley and Norma

Crewson followed in second by Grace Boice and Ev Morgan at 55 per cent.

March 16 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: June Branning reports that Pat Bailey won for high hands, Gala Stamp for lone hands, Nick Boekestyn for low hands and Barb Callaghan for the special prize.

March 16 bid euchre at Club 35: In the moonshot department Marj Coffey and Garth Windsor took two and our reporter Mary Pearson a single. Marj Coffey led the pinks at 309 then Jean Scadden 277 second and Barbara Gregory 276 third. For the whites Garth Windsor topped the charts at 334 followed by Fred Gregory 282 and George Bye 234 while everyone there helped Clara Miscio celebrate her birthday with cake and singing.

March 17 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Moonshots landed on Bev Johnson, Tom Grix, Don Burch and Isobel Cherwenka while Elli Langpohl, Dorothy McElwain and Barb Robitaille took the draws. Championing the pinks was Isobel Cherwenka at 357 with Theresa Deak second at 281 and Elva Paisley 265 third. Don Burch led the whites at 312 then Marcel Roussel at 261 and Albert Foster 253 with Helen Henderson and Maria Tschida both receiving honourable mentions.

March 19 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: In top spot was Pauline Franzen at 333 followed by Dana Briscoe 311 with Mildred St. Thomas third. Mike St. Thomas was the draw winner while moonshots went to Pauline Franzen, Dana Briscoe, Sam Gaudet and Rose Isaacson.

March 19 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports that Jesse Barlow won for high hands, Verna McDonald for lone hands, Doreen French for low hands and Maria Tschida for the draw.

March 19 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Marion Stickwood and Lorna Hicks with Verna McDonald and Jesse Barlow recording the high scores. Gala Stamp had the afternoon's low and the draws went to Verna McDonald and Laura Carnegie. Thanks to Bill Mosley for this update.

March 19 cribbage at Minden Legion: Leading the scoring was Jean Scadden with Ann Cudall second and tonight's reporter Pat Scadden third. Ann also won a draw along with Gwen Cox.

March 19 euchre at Club 35: For most lone hands it was Helen Windsor with Ann McIvor taking home the bologna. The evening's highs were recorded by Verna Sawyer and Mary Pearson, while Pearl Kernohan and Robert McIvor tallied up the lows. Thanks to Garth Windsor for this weekly report.

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Food bank extends its reach

Volunteers for the Minden Food Bank have offered to service the Dorset area (with pick up at the Dorset Recreation Centre) if there is a need. The food bank provides fresh and canned or frozen meat, vegetables, fruits, cereals, eggs, baby food, bread and a limited supply of personal care products to needy families. The amount of support is determined by need and family size. There is usually between three to four days' worth of food distributed at each visit.

For more information, please call Barbara at 489-1715 or Mary at 489-2297.

The next Bead Workshop at the Dorset Recreation Centre is on Wednesday, March 21 starting at 7:00 p.m. The project this week is a "double dip" necklace. The lesson costs \$10 and materials are extra. Feel free to bring your own beads to work with or choose from an array of colours provided by Marlene of Big Bead, Huntsville. Call the Recreation Centre at 766-9968 to register.

The spring Tai Chi, Chi Kung and Meditation session at The Dorset Recreation Centre starts on Tuesday, March 27. The session is 12 weeks and runs Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Beginners are welcome and registration is required. Please call the Recreation Centre for more information at 766-9968.

The Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network is calling for submissions for a literary anthology commemorating the inaugural year of R.D. Lawrence Place. The anthology will contain fiction, non-fiction, poetry and monologues. Works will be selected by a panel

of judges and will be published along with several excerpts from Lawrence's books. The anthology will provide an opportunity for publishing credits and exposure for emerging and established writers. Profits from the sale of the book will go to the R.D. Lawrence Place

Building Fund. Submissions must be sent by e-mail to gallery@minden.on.ca and copied to pauline.l.johnson@sympatico.ca

Please go to www.hhwen.org and also read the following: Official Rules and

Submission Form. Works should be related to the theme "Achieving a natural harmony." Works such as: an exciting outdoor adventure, quest or journey, a tale of compassion involving an animal(s), a natural discovery or source of inspiration, a bonding experience in a natural setting, a spiritual revelation in a natural setting, something important to Canada's natural heritage and so on. The deadline for submission is Wednesday, March 28.

There will be a Tupperware Party, hosted by the Knox United Church U.C.W. on Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. at the church. Come and see what is new in Tupperware. Sample some Tasty Tupperware Recipes and bring your cracked, broken or chipped Tupperware for replacement. Because this is a fundraiser, the church can only accept cash and cheques for this event.

The Haliburton County Public Library only allows certain people to check out books, magazines and talking books. The only ones privileged to use this amazing institution are; anyone who likes books, magazines and talking books, anyone who needs a book, magazine or talking book for any reason, and anyone who includes himself or herself in the human race. If this doesn't apply to you, sorry. If it does, drop by your branch this week and feel honored to be part of this exclusive society. Remember, the world is at your fingertips at your library.

Birthday wishes for the week of March 18 to 24 go out to Cody Ryan, Audrey Clayton, Kaleigh Schuetze, Jason Leslie, George Sargla, Judith McConkey and Ron MacKay. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano
705-766-0076

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Dorset Tower fees will climb this spring

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

It will cost a little bit more to climb the Dorset Tower - if you don't want to start from the bottom of the hill.

Council agreed to increase the fees for vehicular access to the tower. It will now cost \$4 a vehicle, up from \$3, or \$15 for a season's pass, up from \$10.

However, if you want to park your car at the bottom of the hill and walk up, there's still no charge, although a donation is welcome.

Council agreed with tower co-ordinator Barb

Kostenuk's suggestion not to raise the \$20 fee for buses.

Bus companies have told her that they'd avoid taking groups to the tower if the fee increased. Those

tours bring a lot of people into the gift shop, especially in the fall, when people want to warm up with a cup of coffee. That revenue is much appreciated.

The increased fees should bring an extra \$2,800 into the municipalities coffers. The municipality cannot make a profit on the tower but it does need to raise extra revenues to pay for the costs of the tower's upkeep.



Algonquin Highlands council has voted to raise the fees to climb the Dorset Tower, in order to help pay for maintenance costs.

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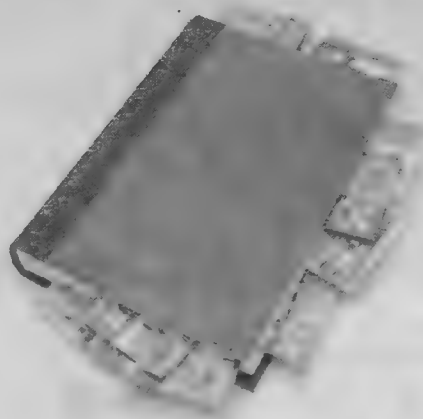
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Friends of the R.D. Lawrence Place are asking for donations

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times Staff

The R.D. Lawrence Place, which is slated to begin construction April 23, is in need of straw bales.

Friends of the R.D. Lawrence Place have begun selling \$10 donation tickets entitled "Buy a Bale." The donation will see your name included in a commemorative book and a miniature straw bale display in the Cultural Centre.

"Five-hundred bales are needed and any donation would be greatly appreciated," says museum director Diane Graham.

In order to keep the excitement going before opening its doors, the cultural centre will provide a viewing platform for residents and visitors once construction begins by students of Fleming College's sustainable building program.

"The platform will be a safe place to view the construction of the R.D. Lawrence Place," says Graham.

Student builders will also hold tours for those interested in the R.D. Lawrence Place every Thursday during the construction period.

The new building will house the collected works of nature writer R.D. Lawrence, who lived in Haliburton County for the last few decades of his life.



The newest addition to Minden Hills will be the R.D. Lawrence Place, which is scheduled to begin construction this spring. Friends of the R.D. Lawrence Place are currently seeking donations for the project.



Youth Specialist

Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents is hiring a Youth Specialist to provide counseling, crisis intervention and intensive support to high school students in our community. This position is a pilot project and the position is therefore a contract wrapping up at the end of June.

Please forward curriculum vitae by March 27, 2007 to Human Resources, Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, Box 1306, Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0, fax 705-457-3492, e-mail hr@pointintime.ca. Please visit our website at <http://www.pointintime.ca/>



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SCHEDULE B 1ST MANADATORY PUBLIC CONTACT - PHASE 2

COUNTY OF HALIBURTON



Class Environmental Assessment
Contract C7-01-07

Part A - County Road 6 (Eagle Lake Road)
Rehabilitation within the Hamlet of Eagle Lake

Part B - County Road 7 (Kennisis Lake Road)
Reconstruction within the Hamlet of West Guilford

PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

As required under the Provincial Environmental Assessment Act, the County of Haliburton hereby notifies all interested individuals and agencies that subject to the comments received as a result of this NOTICE and the receipt of the required approvals, the Roads Department intends to proceed with the planning, design, and subsequent construction of the above-noted project.

This project is being planned under Schedule B of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. The purpose of this undertaking will be:

Part A: the rehabilitation of County Road 6 from a point 330m west of the Eagle Lake Road Bridge easterly 1.10km to Stills Road. This will include pulverizing of the existing road surface, application of 100mm Granular 'A' to the road base, application of a 50mm HL4 asphalt, replacement of drainage culverts, and upgrading of structure approaches for the Eagle Lake Road Bridge.

Part B: the reconstruction of County Road 7 from County Road 6 northerly 200m to St. Andrews Ct. This will include the excavation and reinstatement of the road base, application of 100mm HL4 asphalt, provision for a paved boulevard, concrete curb & gutter and a new storm sewer system.

These improvements will address the deficiencies that have been identified and outlined in the County's Road Needs Study, 2004 Update.

For further information on this project, or to inspect a copy of the Class Environmental Assessment, please contact:

COUNTY OF HALIBURTON ROADS DEPARTMENT
11 Newcastle St.
P.O. Box 880
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(705) 286-1762 or Fax 286-4881
8:30am - 4:30pm (Mon - Fri)

Public input and comment are invited, for incorporation into the planning and design of this project, and will be received until April 6, 2007. The County of Haliburton intends to proceed with the construction of this project by June 2007, and complete the work by the end of July, 2007.

This NOTICE issued March 21, 2007

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County of Haliburton Roads Department
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SCHEDULE B 1ST MANADATORY PUBLIC CONTACT - PHASE 2

COUNTY OF HALIBURTON



Class Environmental Assessment
Contract C7-02-07

County Road 7 (Kennisis Lake Road)
Rehabilitation from Ella Ct. northerly 5.64km to Pivot Lake

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- **Mar. 24:** Order of the Eastern Star Highland Chapter #230 would like to invite you to attend a "the Pampered Chef – discover the chef in you". Sat., 2 to 4 p.m. Masonic Lodge, Haliburton. Proceeds from this event will be used to assist the Order of the eastern star to continue with the charitable work in our community!
- **Mar. 24:** Join the folks from the Stanhope Recreation Committee for a Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop at Club 35 on Sat., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with Ginger Kulas. Beginner egg design for those new to the craft & an advanced design for those who have participated before. Ages 10 & up. Space is limited so please call to reserve. For cost or to register, call (705) 766-9968 or email to drc@vianet.on.ca
- **Mar. 28:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located at Staunworth Court Lounge, Minden. Subsequent clinics the fourth Thurs. of the month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone Welcome.
- **Mar. 30:** Spring Fling Roast Beef Dinner at Haliburton United Church on Friday. Two sittings: 5:00 & 6:30 p.m. Tickets avail. from Ethel Curry Gallery, Haliburton United Church office. Proceeds to Haliburton United Church.
- **Mar. 31:** Tired of being locked down from the winter. Looking for excitement there's something in it for the whole family. For Dad baked goods, for Mom and entire assortment of Craft and light refreshments for the kids. Saturday, March 31, 2007 Gooderham United Church located on 503 near 507. For any reason you miss the sale. On Saturday April 7, 2007 Wilberforce United Church repeat the action. If you are anything like me you be at both the Bake sales.
- **Mar. 31:** Maplefest "All you can eat" Pancake/sausage Brunch & Bake Sale. Lochlin United Church, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lochlin Rd., off Gelert Rd. (Cty. Rd. #1), Lochlin. The best deal in town! Real Haliburton Maple syrup (of course)! For info call Lois at 286-1765.
- **Mar. 31:** Circle Dance – All welcome to our Spring Celebration on Sat. from 2-4 p.m. at Halimar Lodge, Kashagawigamog Lake Road. No experience or partner needed. Each dance from various cultures, meditative or playful, will be taught before dancing. For more info. & cost of donation at the door, call Sharon 286-1940 or Lynn 286-4700.
- **Apr. 1:** St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden – Join us for our Palm Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. Guest singers Tom Agnew, tenor, & Martin Elliott, bass, will join organist & alto Elaine Bell in early a cappella music for the church by Byrd & Palestrina.
- **Apr. 2:** It's not easy being GREEN workshop – A practical workshop for Outdoor Educators to make it easier to implement sustainable programming & building designs. Apr. 2, 8:30 to 4 p.m. at the Sustainable Living Centre at Kinark Outdoor Centre, Minden. For more info, cost, or to register please contact: Erin Derbyshire at erin_Derbyshire@bwdsb.on.ca or (519) 524-2767.

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- **Community Care has two trips now finalized.** They are going to **Phantom of the Opera** on May 9 and to **Dirty Dancing** on Nov. 1. Price includes transportation by highway coach, a delicious dinner, theatre tickets & all taxes & gratuities. Call Roxanne at 457-2941 for more info or to reserve your seat.
- **Third Wednesday of each month.** North Entrance Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m. Excluding July & Aug. For more info about this great fraternity call Roger at 447-2767.
- **Fourth Thursday each month.** "Caring with Confidence" a group for caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementia meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month at Community Care at 10-12. Call Dorothy or Linda at 457-1742 for information.
- **Third Tuesday each month.** "Living with Cancer" a group for individuals who have been diagnosed with cancer, recently or in the past meets on the 3rd Tues. of the month. Call Dorothy or Linda at 457-1742 for information.
- **Thursdays in March:** Join us for Adventure Mornings at the Ontario Early Years Centre Minden. We will explore through activities & song the topics of ABC's, Zoo, Food & Ocean. For more info. Call 286-1770.

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A hearty bowl for the soul

Ange and Rob Hilkers would like to invite you to attend their "soul meetings".

Every third Thursday of each month is Movie Night. They will share inspiring movies. The next scheduled night is April 19, with the event beginning at 7 p.m. A suggested donation of \$2 will be welcome.

Every fourth Saturday of the month they will host "Soup Saturdays for the Soul." This will consist of a



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Gina Atkinson
489-1397 pine_reflections@yahoo.ca

discussion, sharing and listening followed by homemade soup and bread. Weather permitting there is the opportunity to go for a walk after lunch or do a meditation or healing together.

The atmosphere is informal. You can come for the whole experience or just the lunch. Starts at 10 a.m. With lunch at noon. (Bring a dish or help contribute to expenses by paying \$4 for the lunch.) The next "Soup for the Soul" is March 24. Although no money is expected for the movie night, this and the lunch money go toward the rent or purchase of a DVD for the movie evenings.

The location of these thought-inspiring get-togethers is right here in Carnarvon, 1528 Tulip Road or e-mail to soulmeetings@hotmail.com and get on their mailing list. They will send you announcements on upcoming movies and themes for discus-

sions. Or phone Ange or Rob at 754-3607.

I love the quote they included on this announcement: "We must be the change we wish to see in the world" - Mahatma Gandhi

Some tickets are still available to see Steel Rail, a Montreal trio that has won over fans in folk, bluegrass and country circles in Canada and the United States. They

are appearing with special guests, Haliburton's own "The Hemlocks" right here at the Lounge Cafe, in the heart of Carnarvon. Call 705-457-7587 for ticket info.

I have been told this is a concert not to miss.

Now here is an opportunity to effect change in Stanhope.

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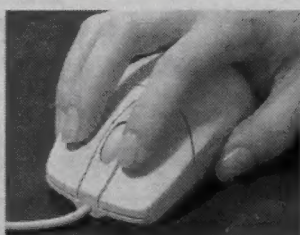


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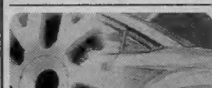
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Deaths

FRANCIS, Margarete Bernice (nee Hamilton) - Entered into Rest peacefully at Frost Manor, Lindsay on Friday, March 16, 2007, in her 88th year. Dearly beloved wife of the late Orval (2002). Dear mother of Bob and his wife Bev, Bill and his wife Carol, Elizabeth (predeceased) and Michael Sears. Loved grandmother of Carrie (Roman), Sara (Wade), Raymond, Michael (Glenna), Jeffrey (Jackie) and great grandmother of Nicole, Sara, Christopher, Nicholas and Elizabeth Ann. Predeceased by her brothers Len, Tom and Bob Hamilton and by her sister Alice Sedgwick. Fondly remembered by Allan and Mae Francis and Myrtle Walker.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Main St. Minden, www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 from 11:00 am, until the time of Funeral Service in the chapel at 2:00 pm. Spring Interment at Gelert Cemetery, Gelert. Reception to follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home.

Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Society or to Canadian Food For Children would be appreciated by the family.

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Deaths

HANCOCK, Edgar Frank - Born April 14, 1915, passed peacefully at his wonderful lakeside home he loved so much, on March 8, 2007. He is survived by his loving wife Evangeline "Lynn" (nee Ames). Loving father of Janis Hancock-Fithian, Brian Hancock, Joan Hancock, Christopher Hancock and predeceased by Nancy Hancock (1998). Dear grandfather of Janis' s children Kara (Dennis) Holtz, Morgan, Fithian, Blanca (Jeremy) Harvey and Joan's son Cody Winther and great grandfather of Madisen Holtz, John Holtz and Noah Harvey.

A Memorial Gathering celebrating Edgar's life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch # 636, Minden on Thursday, April 12, 2007 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Diane Graham, director of the Culture Centre will speak on Edgar's Life as an artist in the Highlands.

Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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Obituaries

SMITH, Cecil Elwin - Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Sat. Mar 10, 2007 in his 98th year. Cecil has lived in Minden for 30 yrs. formerly from Mount Hope. Predeceased by his wife Elizabeth (Dixon). Loving father to Freida Colman (Wayne), grandfather to Brent (Ann) and Jim (Mary), great-grandfather to Tara, Sarah, Taylor and Jayme; all from Minden. Predeceased by brothers Clifford and Gordon. Funeral was held at Miller's Funeral Home, Caledonia on Tues. March 13, 2007 at 2 p.m., visitation was at 1 p.m. Many thanks to all the wonderful nurses and caring staff at Hyland Crest for helping dad enjoy his last few years. Special thanks to Dr. Gammon for her medical advice and my family for all their support. Thanks again. - Wayne and Freida Colman

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community calendar

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NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area.

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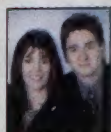


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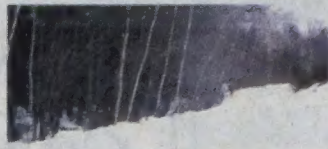


\$299,000

Million Dollar View: This 2+1 bdrm 4 season home/cottage on Halls Lake comes fully loaded - 2 FPs, massage tub, state of the art Heartland propane stove, air, 2 car garage. All on a lot with a fabulous view.
Call Fred Chapple



Deborah Deremo*
457-1011
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\$24,900

Eagle Lake area Building lot: Nearly 2 acres, well treed & reasonably level, located on a year rd. road, privately plowed road close to Sir Sam's Ski Resort. Property would suit custom chalet or year round home.
Call Deb Deremo



Vince Duchene***
457-1011
ext. 225



\$249,900

Caledon log home: Charming 3 bdrm., just minutes from Haliburton Village. Marble & maple floors, cath. pine ceiling, new cedar decks, full bsmt. w/potential for a finished rec room, 2 car garage & featuring some of the most breathtaking landscaping & gardens you'll ever see including nature trails & loads more.
Call Vince Duchene



Richard Forget** & Iona Fevreau*
448-2222



Tony Hill: Great building lot on yr. rd. municipal road, level entrance & building area, well treed, hydro available, public access to Buckskin Lake close by. Worth taking a look. Buy & Build!
Call Rick Forget & Iona Fevreau



Lenor Fulton*
286-2911
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\$59,000

100 Acres with Beaver Pond: This 100 acre parcel features a mixed forest w/approximately a 25 acre beaver pond and 10 acres of lowlands. Hydro poles along the road.
Call Lenor Fulton



Julie Gray*
457-1011
ext. 230



\$588,500

Kashagawigamog: Enjoy spectacular sunsets & beautiful big lake view from this yr. rd. rd., well treed, 1.27 ac. property on the 5 lake chain. Mostly level then gently sloping to rocky frtg. 3 bdrm. cedar plank cottage w/4 skylights, pine floors, airtight stove, screened sunroom & new front deck. Perfect location for a yr. rd. retirement home.
Call Julie Gray



\$309,000

Get the Best of Both Worlds: Live in town and still enjoy Lakefront living on the South Lake chain. Perfect retirement or family home.
Call Marilyn Hawley

Marilyn Hawley
457-1011
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\$258,000

Gull River: Gorgeous in town 4 bdrm w/ many fine features. Large country kitchen, sep. dining room, large LR, den/office. Bright open concept design. The mstr bdrm features walk in closet & 4pc ensuite bath. Gull River with dock at your front door with boating access to fabulous Gull Lake. Many recent upgrades including new furnace, propane FP & a large 600sq.ft. deck with hot tub & above ground pool in the back yard.
Call Bill Kulas to view today.

Bill Kulas*
286-2911
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\$374,900

Mountain Lake: Very nice 3 bdrm home nestled in the trees just minutes from Minden. Offering full acre with nice clean frontage on Mountain Lake, the house has excellent flow from mudroom to family room up into the nicest oak kitchen to dining room & then into a large living room that's sunny and bright. Lots of recent upgrades in a quiet convenient location.
Call Denise Leblanc

Denise Leblanc*
286-2911
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\$99,900

Minden Building Lot: Very private level and dry building lot w/gentle slope to Gull River. Excellent site for a walk-out basement. Spring Valley Road to site.
Call Lynda Litwin

Lynda Litwin**
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\$249,900

Wilberforce Lake (Deeded Access): Screened gazebo off deck to large in-ground swimming pool! 4 bdrms., 2 baths, many upgrades incl. wood floors, kit., CAD 5 internet/cable most rms, double car/shop det., single gar. att., & large finished bsmt. Manicured lot w/raised perennial, vegetable & herb gardens, & a pond finish this park like picture!
Call Richard Moritz

Richard Moritz*
457-1011



\$29,900

2 Excellent building lots: Close to Haliburton Village, well treed on year round road.
Call Erin Nicholls

Erin Nicholls*
457-1011
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\$229,000

West Lake: Cute & Cozy, 3 bdrm. cottage. Pine cath. ceiling & walls. Open concept, K/D/DR/LR, Woodstove. Outdoor brick BBQ. Private setting. Year round road.
Call Karen Nimigon

Karen Nimigon*
457-1011
ext. 224



\$129,900

Affordable Cottage Living: Great one bedroom plus loft cottage on Haliburton County's 5 lake chain. Loads of extras included. Great sunsets. Easy living. Good times await. All this for \$129,900.
Call Tom & Gail Tempest

Tom & Gail Tempest**
286-2911
ext. 41



\$398,500

Gull Lake: Beautiful setting on picturesque Gull Lake. Stunning western exp. Immaculate 3 bdrm. cottage, floor to ceiling FP. Wrap-around deck, perfect for BBQs. Large 2 car garage for storage. Only minutes from Minden and year round access. Safe sand beach and lots more! Only 2 hours from Toronto.
Call Elizabeth Thompson

Elizabeth Thompson*
457-1011
ext. 248



\$144,000

Minden - Bobcaygeon Road: Prime in town lot with 176 ft. on road and .97 acres - older 1-1/2 storey 3 bedroom home - nice old country kitchen with woodstove - freshly renovated bathroom - F.A.O. heating, garage, barn and workshop. Large storage shed.
Call Ted Vasey

Ted Vasey*
457-1011
ext. 223



\$339,000

Gull River: Enjoy waterfront living at this 3 bdrm./2 bath home. Boat to town or to Gull Lake. Full finished bsmt. w/rec room & office/den, master ensuite w/ceramic floors, pine kitchen, w/o's galore, a beautifully landscaped lot, and a dbl. detached garage.
Call Melanie Vigrass

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